

Richard Smith

Call: 1999



Richard Smith's practice focuses on professional discipline, clinical negligence, professional negligence, personal injury and costs. He is recommended as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500.

"Clients are always in the best and safest hands with him."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Richard is very experienced and good with clients. He is a persuasive advocate and is willing to take in challenging cases and take a practical commercial approach."

Chambers & Partners 2025

"Richard is thorough yet efficient. He is responsive and his clear and unambiguous advice always instils confidence." "His advocacy has an understated confidence which is attractive to clients."

Legal 500 2024

"He's a really good all round barrister. His standard of written work is very, very good, he performs very well in conference and he's got the ability to translate things into terms that clients understand."

Chambers & Partners 2024

"He's extremely sensible, vastly knowledgeable and really excellent at protecting the client's interest."

Chambers & Partners 2024

Clinical Negligence

Richard is instructed on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants in cases of clinical negligence of all types. He has a broad experience and active caseload including multi-million pound claims and is involved in claims at all stages from pre-action to trial. He frequently advises on substantive matters of liability and quantum, as well as on procedural and interlocutory matters. He also appears at inquests for families and medical professionals in cases where there is a suggestion that death could have resulted from clinical error.

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Richard has broad experience of representing medical and dental practitioners before their regulatory bodies. He regularly appears before the Medical Practitioners Tribunal in Fitness to Practise cases brought by the GMC, and before the Professional Conduct Committee of the GDC. He is also instructed in cases where the regulator is seeking an interim order.

Richard is a contributor to *Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings*, 10th Ed. LexisNexis.

Professional Negligence

Richard's experience in the field of professional negligence primarily focuses on negligence claims against solicitors and barristers, although he has also appeared in cases brought against surveyors, architects and accountants.

Costs

Richard is often called upon to advise on costs issues arising out of cases in the areas of law listed above. He has appeared in the SCCO to argue matters of law prior to or during detailed assessment proceedings.

Personal Injury

Richard has extensive experience in the field of personal injury including claims for injuries of the utmost severity.

Inquests

Richard has great experience of appearing before Coroners' Courts. He brings an in-depth knowledge of healthcare and professional discipline when representing families and a range of Interested Persons at inquests. This includes jury inquests and inquests which garner media attention.

Selected Cases

- **Inquest touching the death of Susan Warby (2021)**
- **Inquest touching the death of SS (2020):** death from complications of sepsis.
- **Inquest touching the death of LZ (2020):** death of teenage with CHARGE syndrome.
- **Inquest touching the death of Colette McCulloch (2019)**
- **Inquest touching the death of Lauren Sandell (2018):** failure to provide vaccination for Meningitis W.
- **Inquest touching the death of Robert Entenmann (2015):** death in private hospital following routine surgery.

Appointments

- Advocate Pro Bono Champion

Education

- MA (Cantab) Law

Memberships

- PIBA
- PNBA

Publications

- Contributor to *Disciplinary and Regulatory Proceedings*, 10th Ed. LexisNexis
- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)